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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office, mailed on February 21, 2003, in a counterpart foreign application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant also encloses a copy of the European Search Report, mailed February 21, 2003, from the corresponding European application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the Form PTO-1449, and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

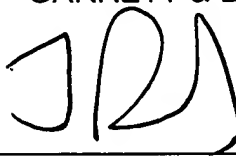
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